

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of April 21, 2004.

All of the Examiner's objections and rejections are traversed.

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-15 remain in this application. Claim 16 has been canceled.

The Pending Claims Are Not Anticipated By The Cited Art

Claim 1, as amended, includes "scanning a predetermined portion of an input image on an input document to reduce white space, said input image having a first set of dimensions, and then "reproducing said predetermined portion of said input image a selected number of times on a printing medium to form said output image[.]" As shown in FIG. 3, the result is a data file containing image data on the input image 58, without superfluous data from the surrounding white space 59 areas. The surrounding white space is discarded as not being part of the image. Therefore, when reductions or enlargements are required, they are based solely on the actual image and not the image together with the surrounding white space. Ohta fails to disclose such features.

Ohta relates generally to a system in which an editing server and a plurality of client computers are capable of communicating with one another, and an edited image can be generated by the client computers. More particularly, an emphasis in Ohta is placed on certain display information, including information relating to the maximum number of colors which can be displayed on the display device connected to the client computer as well as the resolution of the display device connected to the client computer. (See page 3, lines 32-50.) Ohta also discloses various "image editing processing" on pages 28 and 29, including enlarging or reducing an image (see page 29, lines 37-41). Nonetheless, Ohta does not disclose reducing the amount of white space when scanning the original image in order to produce better reproductions of the original image, whether they are reductions or enlargements. Accordingly, claim 1 and claims 2-11, which depend therefrom, are not anticipated by Ohta and are thus allowable.

Claim 12, as amended, includes "a scanner for scanning a predetermined

portion of an input image on an input document to reduce white space, said input image having a first set of dimensions[.]” As described above, this means that when reductions or enlargements are required, they are based solely on the actual image and not the image together with the surrounding white space. Again, Ohta fails to disclose such a feature. As such, claim 12 and claims 13-15, which depend therefrom, are not anticipated by Ohta and are thus allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-15) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

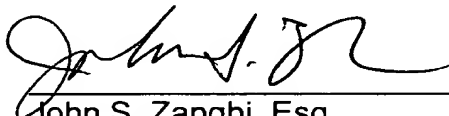
No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call John Zanghi, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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